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MOSCOW'S DEMANDS Strong Stand Against China's Yielding Whispers Of Red Intervention

CHUNGKING, FEB. 18.—INTEREST OF THE NATION IS CENTRED IN CHUNGKING WITH THE CHINESE PRESS IN CHUNGKING TAKING AN INCREASINGLY STRONG STAND AGAINST THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT YIELDING TO ANY EXHIBITANT RUSSIAN DEMANDS, AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHIH CHUAN IN NANKING SUBMITTING TO PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK—SO IT IS REPORTED—CONTENTS OF RUSSIA'S REPLY TO CHINA'S INQUIRY ABOUT SOVIET PLANS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM MANCHURIA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT CHINA'S ATTITUDE IS THAT SHE IS PERFECTLY PREPARED TO ACCORD RUSSIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS IN MANCHURIA MOST FAVOURABLE TREATMENT BUT IS RELUCTANT TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS GOING BEYOND THE TERMS OF THE SINO-SOVIET TREATY OF 1924.

Chinese quarters here, said today there was no way of determining the extent to which the Russians had seized industrial and other material from Manchuria as there had been no opportunity for Nationalist observers to make a survey.

China's New Company Law Delayed

Shanghai, Feb. 18.—China's new Company Law, which has been causing much confusion to foreigners and Chinese alike, is expected to be promulgated in June, since some points concerning the establishment of foreign firms require further revision.

One of the authors of the law, Dr. Robert Sheng, a member of the Legislative Yuan, revealed in an interview that no further amendments are likely to be made in the article concerning the purchase of real estate in China by foreigners.

The basic idea of the Company Law, he stated, is to ensure security for all Chinese and foreigners who have business interests in China. At the time the document was drafted, legislators had in mind that many foreign companies in China had no business operations in their respective home countries.

Views concerning foreign companies with no business connections in their own countries, but intending to establish companies in China, are varied. It will be around the control of these companies that further discussions and possible amendments of the proposed regulations will centre, Dr. Sheng said.

The proposed Company Law has been the subject of much criticism among American and British businessmen in Shanghai, who hesitate to develop their interests in the face of unpredictable regulations and taxes.

As first drafted, the Company Law requires all foreign firms in China without parent company abroad to incorporate with Chinese companies, or dissolve. Another clause states that the register of shareholders and all books and accounts of a foreign company granted a license are subject to inspection.—Reuter.

BRITISH CONSUL'S SUICIDE

Chungking, Feb. 18.—British sources confirmed today that Geoffrey Turrell, British Consul at Tehwa, capital of Sinkiang province, had committed suicide there on Jan. 30. Turrell was due to return shortly to England where his widow lives.

He started his consular service in China in 1929 and had duty in Peking, Mukden, Harbin, Shanghai and Chungking.—Associated Press.

PEEP OF SPRING

London, Feb. 18.—England and Wales had a peep at spring yesterday. There was bright sunshine for many hours, and generally mild conditions.

Resorts in Devon and Cornwall had ten hours of sunshine. At Fife in East Scotland, bathers were seen in the sea.—Reuter.

Canada's Spy Hunt

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Canada's greatest spy hunt entered a new week today amid reports that the Dominion's new "home-sphere" radio station, just off the secret list, might be linked with the purge.

The new radio stations, the existence of which was disclosed officially last night, were set up during the war to measure the height of "fortified" air and to pick the best frequencies for communications between two specific points.

Authoritative sources suggested that a court of enquiry or court-martial might result from the premature exposure in Washington of Canada's spy ring investigation.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S CABINET OF DONS

CAIRO, FEB. 18.—THE PRIME MINISTER SIDKY PASHA DESCRIBING THE MEMBERSHIP OF HIS NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET DECLARED: "I THINK THAT IT MEANS SYMPATHY WITH THE STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATED IN CAIRO SHOUTING 'EVACUATION OF BRITISH TROOPS OR REVOLT'."

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE SIDKY SAID: "I KNOW THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE SUDANESE IS THE EGYPTIAN SPIRIT AND OUR POLICY IS TO UNITE EGYPT WITH THE SUDAN."

Sidky said that in his new Cabinet there were five University men, four Dons and the President of the University, some of the recent student rioting.

Sidky was assisted by Makram Adable Pasha whose resignation precipitated the Cabinet crisis and who told him that "there is no doubt Egypt will benefit from your services."

Sidky replied that he was happy because of the Kofia leader's gesture, even though Kofia declined to enter the Government.

HITCH-HIKE FROM INDIA TO LANCES!

Aldershot, Feb. 18.—Found guilty of deserting in India and absconding himself at Waterloo Station while under escort, Private Hugh Clark, aged 39, of the Army Catering Corps, has been sentenced to one year's detention by an Aldershot Court-Martial.

Clark said at the trial that he had wanted to see his Mother of Parliament in Liverpool because he felt that the court-martial sentence he received in India was unjust.

He got a ride on a cattle train to Bombay, where he gained entrance to the docks by using an old pass and with the assistance of some friends who were members of the crew, he boarded the Cunard liner Britannic, taking troops to England.

Clark said that during the voyage he obtained his meals in the forecastle and mingled with the soldiers on board. In England, he hitch-hiked as far as Warrington and then surrendered.—Reuter.

HIGHLY CRITICAL

London, Feb. 18.—The position in Egypt at the moment is "highly critical—more critical than any similar situation after World War I," says Richard Wyndham, special correspondent of the "News of the World" in a despatch from Cairo.

The reasons he gives are: "In the first place, the self-assertion of independence by the smaller Middle East countries makes Egypt, which is the largest and richest of them all, more sensitive to her position in the eyes of the world. Secondly, during the last quarter of a century there has been a very considerable increase in the educated classes. The school children of 1919 are now responsible men. In addition, an entirely new generation has grown up."—Reuter.

Union Hotel Celebrates

A wrist-watch and an inscription were presented to Mr. Chan Wai-kuen, manager of the Union Hotel, by the Wardroom Junior Officers' Mess of H.M.S. "Tamar" at a farewell dinner last night.

Some 50 members of the Mess, which is being transferred to the Hong Kong Club, were present.

Making the presentation, Lieut. O. T. Dodwell, R.N.R., Mess President, said that during the Japanese occupation Mr. Chan had laid himself open to Japanese reprisals by sending parcels and other comforts to British prisoners-of-war. Since the Mess opened in the Union Hotel in October last, he had spared no efforts to make them comfortable despite the trials and sometimes adverse conditions which prevailed.

Mr. Chan replied suitably, saying that it was gratifying to learn that the efforts of himself and his staff to serve the Mess had been in some degree successful.

London, Feb. 18.—The Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, intends to leave Britain by air on March 14.—Reuter.

SWEEPING CATHOLIC GAINS

Brussels, Feb. 18.—Complete returns from eight of Belgium's nine provinces revealed that the right-wing Catholic Party, pledged to return King Leopold to the throne, scored sweeping gains in yesterday's national elections but the control of the Chamber of Deputies is still doubtful.

A tabulation gave the Catholics 86 of the 202 seats in the Chamber, or twice more than they won in the last national election of 1939. The Socialist Party won 59 seats, the Communists 18 and the Liberals 15.

Political observers now predict that the Regent, Prince Charles, will ask the Catholic leader, Baron Henri Carton de Wiart, to attempt to form a new Government following the provincial elections next Sunday.

The question remains, however, whether de Wiart will be able to form a coalition with one of the minority parties to gain a working majority. If he is unable to do so it is believed the Regent will ask the Socialist leader, the Prime Minister, Van Acker, to form a government.

Possible effect of the election on Leopold's chances of returning to the throne remained the uppermost question. The Catholics favour a referendum on the question of his return from the exile into which he was forced by the combined action of the Liberals, Socialists and Communists.

Political observers believe King Leopold will abdicate unless at least 85 per cent. of the people favour his return in a referendum vote.

NO INCIDENTS
Catholic, Socialist and Communist parties all registered noticeable gains in Belgium's national elections yesterday to name 202 members to the Chamber of Deputies and half to the nation's Senate, early returns indicated.

While the Communists were swept to the front in the industrial sectors such as Liege, famed for its glass products, and in the lumber camps of Luxembourg, Catholics were coming to the front in Bastogne and Flandres while the Socialists held their own in outlying communities and took an early lead in Brussels.

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Calcutta Patrols Withdrawn

Calcutta, Feb. 18.—Army patrols and pickets, called in by Sir Richard G. Casey, Governor of Bengal, during last week's rioting here have now been withdrawn.

The Police order, forbidding processions and assemblies, however, continues.

Reuter adds that some forty persons were killed in the rioting which began last Monday and lasted for four days.

It arose out of demonstrations against the sentence of seven years' imprisonment imposed on Captain Abdul Rashid, Muslim officer of the Japanese-sponsored "Indian National Army".

Troops were called in on Tuesday and on Wednesday.—Reuter.

America Called On To Aid India

WASHINGTON, FEB. 18.—THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BROADCAST AN APPEAL YESTERDAY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COME TO THE AID OF INDIA IN ITS THREATENING FAMINE.

"We do not seek to take bread from anybody's mouth but America should know the position of India is so desperate that the call for the fullest possible support in a matter of weeks, even days," T. A. Ramon, information officer, said in nationwide broadcast.

Talking of India's "starving, complete, hunger" on 1,500 calories a day, Ramon said there were no reserves. "We cannot tighten our belt because even now there is little between belt and bones."

Ramon agreed with the Viceroy Lord Wavell, that the answer lies in Washington and he said the Indian food delegation now in London en route to Washington would tell the International Food Control Board the detailed needs of India.

"I know how great is American generosity and willingness to help distress," he said.

It was the first of three broadcasts Ramon will deliver over American radio stations and he appealed: "Surely the world will not allow millions more to die in time of peace, the peace which India helped powerfully performed the ceremony—Associated Press."

Singapore Inquiry Finding

SINGAPORE, FEB. 18.—LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN'S SOUTH-EAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY FOUND THAT POLICE ACTION IN FIRING ON A CROWD OF COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATORS ON FRIDAY "AS A WHOLE WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED."

ONE CHINESE WAS KILLED AND 19 INJURED DURING THE FRAY WHICH RESULTED WHEN COMMUNISTS AND LABOUR UNION MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO FORM PARADE OBSERVING THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SINGAPORE, DESPITE AN OFFICIAL BAN AGAINST THE OBSERVANCE.

The official inquiry findings admitted that "some individual members of the local police force, after intense provocation, continued to use their batons longer than was necessary," but said the order to fire was given when further delay would have resulted in the overwhelming of the police.

The official report, issued after Chinese press complaints, said the police warned 250 demonstrators who were "carrying banners, sticks, crowbars and bottles" and 45 policemen tried to break up a procession which was formed.

They were resisted and one round was ordered to be fired from nine rifles. The attack was renewed and another round was ordered. Six policemen were injured.

The Chinese press, arguing that American remembrance Pearl Harbour, disputed the British view that the fall of Singapore should not be commemorated.

The conservative Chinese newspaper "Sin Chew" justified the celebration because the day meant suffering for the people throughout the Japanese occupation and the day should be remembered as an occasion for determination that the world will never know fascism again and charged the British with using intimidating measures against unarmed civilians.

Later, Lord Mountbatten issued a warning that "no disturbances of the peace, whether organised or unorganised, will be tolerated."

He added that the organisation of a public holiday at the time would have entailed a renewed stoppage of work "too soon after the Chinese New Year's holidays."—Associated Press.

LEADER CHARGED

With his head bandaged, Lin Ah Ling, chief of the Singapore Branch of the Malayan Communist Party, was today formally charged in the Superior Court here on eight counts in three separate cases.

Lin claimed trial for all charges and the cases were postponed until Saturday. He was remanded in custody.

The charges against the accused include sedition, being a member of an unlawful assembly, resisting arrest when apprehended for rioting and concealing from custody after arrest.—Reuter.

Dixby, Nova Scotia, Feb. 18.—Eleven men and a woman died from exposure in an open lifeboat in the Bay of Fundy after the 265-ton coastal steamer Robert G. Carr foundered in a gale on Saturday night. The sole survivor was the captain.—Reuter.

DESERTER DIES OF FRIGHT

HILLINGDON, FEB. 18.—A MAN TRAPPED IN A HOUSE HE HAD BURGLED EARLY YESTERDAY DROPPED DEAD AFTER A POLICEMAN HAD STRUCK HIM ON THE ARM WITH A TRUNCHEON.

The central figure in this drama was 21-year-old R.A.P. deserter, John Blott, alias James Schofield, wanted by Scotland Yard for crimes at Watford and Southend.

An Unbridge police official said that Blott had probably died from fright.

Blott was found in an unoccupied house at The Rise, Hillingdon. One officer found the kitchen door open and saw Blott wearing gloves and carpet slippers.

The policeman called to his companion to guard the front door. As he sat there, Blott pointed what looked like a gun. With a jump, the policeman closed with Blott and hustled him along the passage to the scullery. There the second officer seeing what he thought was a weapon in Blott's hand, struck him with a truncheon. Blott cried: "All right" and collapsed.

It was stated that on Blott's body the police found 39 wounds and 10 shillings, a razor blade pinned under the heel of his jacket and a pair of scissors. No firearms was found.—Reuter.

Maureen Not Too Fussy

LOS ANGELES, FEB. 18.—THE IRISH ACTRESS MAUREEN O'HARA, TODAY WON AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP BUT ONLY AFTER SHE AND FEDERAL JUDGE J. F. T. O'CONNOR HAD SETTLED A GEOGRAPHICAL DISPUTE HIS WAY.

It was a mere formality when the 26-year-old actress, whose legal name is Maureen Fitzsimmons Price, was asked if she were willing to forswear allegiance to Great Britain.

"But I owe no allegiance to England," she protested. "I'm Irish. I was born in Dublin in the Irish Free State."

Finally convinced by the judge that the Irish Free State is generally regarded as part of the British Empire, Maureen took the oath.—Associated Press.

ARMLESS HERO WEDS

Vallejo, Feb. 18.—Marine Sergeant William Harrell, 23rd Congressional Medal of Honor winner, who lost both arms at Iwo Jima, today married pretty brown-haired Loretta Anderson, 18.

Harrell grinned broadly as he signed the ring of the girl's finger with a "wed" instead of the missing hands.

The best man was Captain Russell Parsons who was Harrell's commanding officer on Iwo Jima and who rescued Harrell after the sergeant had killed 19 Japanese and single-handedly repulsed a Japanese attack.

Navy Chaplain James Baker performed the ceremony.—Associated Press.

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POSTPONEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rottelmeier wish to inform their friends who have been invited to the Cocktail Party at Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday, the 19th instant, to well-wishers of the Indian Trade Delegation, that owing to the delay in the arrival of this Delegation, the party has to be postponed. The actual date will be notified in the papers in due course.

Manchuria Puzzle

The pressure which Russia is accused of bringing to bear in support of claims to special rights in Manchuria, justify the dispute now openly exhibited in Chinese official circles. Whether any reliance can be placed upon the official reports of the nature of the demands made is another matter.

In most respects they are so outrageous that to assume their accuracy imposes too severe a strain on credibility. As reported, they would cede to the U.S.S.R. a degree of domination in Manchuria beyond anything which existed at the heyday of Tsarist influence, and almost parallel with the sovereignty established by Japan after the Mukden Incident. It is difficult to believe that Krentia "realism" is yet prepared to go as far as this. Certain facts are, however, clear.

The first is that definite proposals have been submitted to the Chungking authorities concerning the Soviet position in Manchuria, and the second of high importance is that while "informal talks" on the issues raised are proceeding, Russia has stopped the withdrawal of her forces from Manchuria, a process which should have been completed by February 1.

The inference logically drawn is that the presence of Russian troops is being exploited as a means of persuading China to consent to Russian wishes. It is to be hoped that this interpretation is a mistaken one, for a more disturbing example of international hypocrisy would be difficult to conceive.

The recent revelation of the secret agreement reached at Yalta, which have made it quite all too clear that the terms of the Sino-Russian Treaty concluded last autumn, were actually written in all material details by President Roosevelt, Generalissimo Stalin and Mr. Churchill, in the absence of a Chinese representative, and that the United States undertook to obtain China's consent to such features of the bargain as affected China, was sufficient in itself to leave a rather unpleasant taste in the mouth.

It so happens that China has accepted this situation philosophically, regarding it as part of the price paid for the speedier termination of the war. Having thus accepted so much, however, there can be no surprise if a feeling of resentment is felt at the thought of further possible encroachments. In this respect, China has chosen a mistaken course. Secret diplomacy will neither help her cause, nor the Soviet's either, if the facts are being misrepresented. If there is nothing in the Soviet proposals which cannot be displayed in the full light of publicity, a hush-hush policy does a grave disservice to international understanding. At the moment, observers are naturally asking: By what standards does Russia abide when confronting the Security Council with accusations against Britain, and by what standards when directing her own policies?

REVOLVER FOUND
An application for confiscation of a Wobley .45 revolver and twelve rounds of ammunition was granted to Inspector Forster by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Inspector Forster told the court that after an attempted armed robbery at No. 14 Hankow Road, on Dec. 8, 1945, the police found the revolver on the staircase. The owner could not be traced.

THE EXPOSURE OF "DILLY-DALLY"
Sir—In the course of "World War I" a Mr. Dilly-Dally was a very well-known figure in Great Britain. He was eventually run to earth and received a very severe sentence, and was banished from his country for his country's good. It is not generally known

that he arrived in the colony of Hong Kong as a "rehabilitated" man, and has been operating here ever since. He has in his possession a formula for the manufacture of a very deadly, deadly, deadly virus, which in the early stages of all who come in contact with him. By means of bribery and corruption and nefarious practices he was able to substitute a large quantity of the poison in liquid form for D.D.T. in the planes which sprayed Hong Kong and Kowloon recently.

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OPIMUM FOUND ON WOMAN
A Chinese detective arrested a woman, Ng Wan-chun, on Feb. 17, and took her to the Police Station. Ten bags of raw opium were found tied in a piece of cloth next to her skin.

Accused was found guilty by Mr. Latimer yesterday and a fine of \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment was imposed. Inspector White prosecuted.

Collaboration Charges Opening In H.K. To-day

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming marriage of the Rev. James MacKenzie, Mr. Evan Neave, of the London Mission, residing at No. 80 Robinson Road, and Miss Jessie Scornell MacPherson Brown, librarian, is announced. Miss Brown is on her way to the Colony.

Other forthcoming marriages announced were: Mr. John Fred Ward, merchant, of No. 73, Ta Ku Ling Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Mary Jean Diana Ng, of No. 171, Po Kong Road.

Dr. Low Nan-wan, medical officer, Kowloon Hospital, and Miss Pacey Chew, of No. 488, Nathan Road.

THIEVES SENTENCED

For the theft of money and clothing valued at \$65 from No. 26, Wing On Street, Ten Kow, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. C. A. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

It was also found that accused had been the means of a look during the early morning of Sunday. Accused was charged with a Marine Station, Dr. V. V. Road General near the Nam Ping Hotel.

Chan Shing, 34, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour for stealing four singlets from a hawker in Bonham Street East near Hillier Street on Sunday.

Readers' Letters

"NOSTALGIA"
Sir, Talking of wonderful horses reminds me that Jacki Wombat's old mare Little Wonder of Horuay Rise (formerly known as "Dittie") still holds the World's Marathon Dancing Championship. At the Palace Ballroom, Southend, in 1938, he danced with Miss Bessie Goldberger for 7 days 2 hours and 21 minutes. He was only prevented from continuing by the untimely death of his partner while still on the job.

It makes you think, TOMMY WINDE.

WOMEN! WOMEN!
Sir, Your correspondent on the dining question lost a great opportunity of quoting the French message from "Dixie" (the 16th century French monk Francois Merde. Here is an attempt at translation.

"Woman, as we have seen for ourselves, is the most immoral of all the great God's chosen creatures. Each hour we see her, brazen, as one of the Harpies from the black regions. There she dances her Phrygian dance, naked, without the awe, bluish of shame, the faint, warm flush of Diana. The eyes of Diana are blinded, the heart burned out. The gestures and turning of these Harpies bodies is sin against the beauty of the great God's creation. They are come from the darkest regions, they make the fair life of mortal man as the hideous place where they come."

Francis Merde is a little influenced perhaps, by certain unfortunate incidents in his own life (an ironic version of which can be found in the fifth book of Rabelais' Gargantua and Pantagruel), but we must give him a hearing, however unreasonable his castigations of the unfortunate sex may seem. Continually woman is set upon by our sex, usually, we find, for no better reason than the appeasing of a wounded vanity. Let us take an instance of reason. She is a wayward, fickle creature but custom will not stale her infinite improbity. We will ever find our interest aroused whether she be draped or undraped. Let her remain as she was created, wherever she spent her post-natal existence. She must be Woman always that we may talk of her over the port, that we may fill your columns with her.

SAMUEL CLARKE.

AN OFFER
Sir—After reading the letters regarding poor "Mere Male" we regret our inability (not being officers) to view these wondrous sights.

But we do object to girls with names like Prudence selling their wares with crubby underwear.

We would like to know if Prudence has run out of soap or is a crabbit. If so we would gladly descend from the heights of "Mere Males" and dobi her crubby underwear ourselves.

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THE LONG-AWAITED TRIAL OF ALLEGED COLLABORATIONISTS WILL OPEN TO-DAY WHEN CHARGES, UNDER THE TREASON ACT, AGAINST SIX PERSONS, INCLUDING A SWISS, WILL BE FORMALLY READ AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT, CENTRAL MAGISTRACY BUILDING THIS AFTERNOON.

THE COURT WILL SIT AT 2.30 P.M. BUT IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT TRIAL OF ANY OF THE ACCUSED WILL BE PROCEEDED UNTIL A DATE FOR HEARING OF THE CASES WILL BE FIXED WITH THE FIRST ACCUSED PROBABLY GOING ON TRIAL IN ABOUT A WEEK.

It is understood that the accused to be charged to-day form the first batch of alleged collaborationists to be tried by local military courts. Subsequent batches will be brought before the court as cases against them have been prepared by the prosecution. It was further learned that up to the present about 50 persons are awaiting trial.

Prosecution of the accused is in the hands of Mr. M. A. da Silva and Mr. R. S. Smith, Crown Prosecutors.

It was learned officially yesterday that in all cases the accused will be legally represented and in cases where accused cannot afford to engage their own defence a legal representative will be assigned by the Crown.

The six accused, who will be charged this afternoon, are: George Wong, Tsui Kwok-ching, So Leung, Lai Kit, Joseph James Richards and C.A. Gehring.

Japan's Elimination From Trade
Washington, Feb. 18.
The Commerce Department said that China and India rather than the United States, likely to be the chief competitors for Japan's former export markets.

The Department reasoned in an article published in its Foreign Commerce weekly that Japan's specialty, was low-priced goods especially required in the Far East.

In 1936 when Japan's exports volume hit \$1,400,000,000 and the country ranked next to the United Kingdom, the United States and Germany, 63 per cent. of the shipments went to the Far Eastern countries to fill the need for low-priced goods.

The virtual elimination of Japan as the leading export country undoubtedly will stimulate industrialization. The article said that in turn this industrialization with the development of communications and transportation facilities should create an expanding market for capital goods which the United States is particularly well equipped to produce.—Associated Press.

H.K. DOLLAR STRONG
Chinese national currency was weak yesterday in the absence of support from buyers, and registered a drop of 12 points.

Opening at HK\$3.22 to CN\$1,000 for futures, the rate declined gradually to \$1.10 at the close.

Spot transactions opened at \$3.75 and closed at \$3.65. Gold has suddenly appreciated in value. From an opening rate of \$526 per tael it jumped to \$536 in the afternoon and closed at \$542.

U.S. dollars have declined sharply, and buyers offer only \$5.00 only, and lower for smaller than \$20-denomination. English Sterling and Australian pounds have also declined with buyers offering only \$18.20 and \$12.80, respectively.

Sarawak's Future
Singapore, Feb. 18.
Nationals of Sarawak are protesting to Mr. G. H. Hall, Secretary of State for the Colonies, against the cession of Sarawak to Britain and plan to ask that its case be brought to the attention of the House of Commons.

At a meeting in Sarawak's capital, Kuching, they claimed that the population did not favour the cession and that they were not consulted by the Rajah. They expressed their desire to adhere to the Sarawak-British treaty of 1888 and the 1941 Sarawak constitution.—Associated Press.

France And Levant
London, Feb. 18.
The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, said at a press conference here to-night that France stood by the agreement signed with Britain on December 13, which states that some troops would stay in the Levant until collective security was provided. That did not mean that French troops would stay there indefinitely.

He hoped the matter would be settled in the near future. "We do not intend to cheat about the problem," he added.—Reuter.

MILK CONFISCATED
Attention to export twelve cases of Milk-Maid milk at San Uk Lane on Feb. 15. Lo Tan, farmer, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday and fined \$100 and his milk confiscated.

Inspector White told the court that Lt. W. D. Soller, 5th Commando, was accused and nine coolies carrying the cases and intercepted them.

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Dr. Sun Fo Arrives In Canton

Canton, Feb. 18.
Dr. Sun Fo, chief of China's Legislative Yuan, arrived by air from Chungking yesterday and was greeted at the airfield by over 200 persons, including Governor Lo Cheuk-ying and Admiral Chan Chak.

Accompanying Dr. Sun Fo were his son, Mr. Sun Chi-ming, General Maurice Cohen, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Chu, Mrs. Chan Hing-wan (wife of the Overseas Minister) and other officials and secretaries.

At a press conference Dr. Sun said his visit was personal. Asked about the Political Consultative Conference he said that the regulations arrived at would have to be implemented. He was optimistic of the future of Chinese politics but added that it was necessary for all parties to work together in a spirit of harmony and genuine co-operation in a common sharing of responsibilities.

He added that the country was still confronted with many difficulties, such as the situation in Manchuria and the mutiny in Sinkiang, but he was hopeful of a logical solution of these problems.

Dr. Sun would not confirm or deny that he would take up the chairmanship of the Executive Yuan.—Our Own Correspondent.

COMING TO H.K.
Although confirmation is lacking, it is learned that Dr. Sun Fo, who is now in Canton, may visit Hong Kong while on his way to Chungking.

The New Order In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 18.
The Kyodo News Agency said that about 85 acres of the Imperial Palace grounds will be opened to the public soon "at the wish of His Majesty who is concerned with the reconstruction of a new modernized Tokyo."

Also to be opened are the Imperial Library, the Music Hall and the Art Institution. Kyodo also said that it is understood that the Imperial Household Ministry and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government are considering allowing the subway to ride under part of the Palace grounds.—Associated Press.

General Not A Major
Canton, Feb. 18.
The Communist member of field team No. 8 Executive Headquarters based at Canton said to-day that his name is Major-General Fang Fang, and that he is a staff officer of the 18th Army Group.

General Fang added that he is the special representative of the Communist Party in Kwangtung. His aides are Mr. Chan Hua and Mr. Ren Yi-pai, newly arrived official interpreter.

"The East River Column is a unit of the South China People's Anti-Japanese Guerrillas and is not a branch column," he asserted.—Associated Press.

Beer Cheaper In Manila
Manila, Feb. 18.
The cost of liquor in Manila is coming down. In mid-January the price of a glass of cold beer was one American dollar. To-day, at many establishments it costs half a dollar.

Popular brands of American cigarettes are now available at 25 American cents per pack, which represents a decline of 25 to 50 per cent as compared with January.

The reason for the drop in beer and cigarettes is arrival of commercial shipments from the United States and the release of local beer brewing facilities.—Reuter.

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'Music For All' Draws Big Audience

THE "MUSIC FOR ALL" PROGRAMME AT THE E.N.S.A. STAR THEATRE ON SUNDAY NIGHT ATTRACTED A FULL HOUSE AND THE 250 SEATS RESERVED FOR CIVILIANS WERE FILLED BY MEMBERS OF ALL THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

THE COMPILERS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON A WELL-BALANCED AND TASTEFUL CHOICE OF MUSIC. ALL ITEMS WERE SUFFICIENTLY WELL-KNOWN TO APPEAL BUT NOT IN ANY WAY HACKNEYED. IT WAS ALSO A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO HEAR THE ARIAS AND SONGS RENDERED IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORIGINAL.

The artists were all in very good form and it would be curious to single anyone out as being outstanding. Gaston d'Aquila sang with admirable clarity of diction alike in English, French, Spanish and Italian and seemed most at home in the operatic excerpts, notably "La Boheme" and "Recendita Harmonia" from "Tosca" which he presented as an encore.

It was a little difficult to understand why he chose to start with an aria that so obviously did not suit his voice—Hauled is not everybody's forte and "Where'er You Walk" in particular is not an easy aria.

Allan Wyld (Baritone) was most at home with the more serious songs, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky's "None But the Lonely Heart." Schubert's "Serenade" was not a wise choice but his rendering of the Prologue to "Pagliacci" was very good; although he wisely did not attempt the top note at the finish.

HARRY ORE
Harry Ore played faultlessly a varied selection including Bach, Beethoven (why only one movement here?), Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. He is a joy to listen to. A word too in praise of the accompanist, E. O'Neill Shaw; he contributed more than a mere accompaniment.

Of the audience, let us say that the majority were there for the music and were appreciative. Inevitably it seems, though, there is always the minority who attend concerts to show up their best suits, uniforms, gowns or what have you. A classical concert too is not the place for very young children.

The interior acoustics of the auditorium are excellent, the only fault being the fact that the building is not sound-proof and we were unfortunate in having an almost continuous background of Chinese wooden blocks! Altogether a most enjoyable evening. More, please!

CINEMA TICKETS ARREST
As a result of an arrest by Mr. J. F. Mueford, Entertainment Tax Inspector, Ma Yuk Chuen, who was charged with selling 38 black market cinema tickets, was fined \$100 by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Accused was selling the tickets at \$1.00 each, 30 cents above the original price, at the Prince's Theatre, Kowloon, on Feb. 17. Han Wing, found with 25 tickets (20 cents each) in his pocket, at the entrance hall of the Kwong Chi Theatre, on Feb. 16, was fined \$50. The detective who made the arrest, saw the accused selling the tickets at 30 cents each and arrested him.

Another Chinese, Yuen Hai Wing, was fined \$100 for selling 90 tickets at the Kwong Ming Theatre on Feb. 16. The same Chinese detective made the arrest when he saw accused selling the tickets at ten cents above the original price. Inspectors White and Anderson prosecuted.

GAMBLING RAID
Ko Sang, unemployed, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with keeping a common gambling house at No. 196, Wellington Street, third floor.

According to Detective-Inspector R. MacKenzie, the premises were raided on information, and a large number of Chinese were found gambling.

When the Police entered the flat, twelve other men were found gambling. Ko was fined \$25, while the 12 others, who failed to appear, had their bail of \$10 each, selected on a sum of \$187.36 picked up during the raid was placed in the "poor box."

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION—HONG KONG.

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Yenan Attitude On Foreign Encroachment

Powerful Air Force Argument

Washington, Feb. 18. General H. Arnold, retiring chief of the army air force, yesterday asserted the United States "must recognize" on the atomic bomb, if necessary to preserve world peace.

The United States, Arnold declared, must maintain a powerful striking air force, capable of reaching any point in the world.

His discussion of the atomic bomb and the air force came during testimony before the House Library Committee on a proposal to establish a national air museum. He said he was "praying to God there will not be another war."

He urged a coalition of the air forces of America, Britain and the Netherlands, and contended that America's bases in the Pacific should be maintained.

Pleading for the maintenance of a powerful air force, Arnold said that with the knowledge of today the airplane is the only possible means of carrying an atomic bomb to a target, and the destruction of the planes before they reach their targets is the only recourse for defense.

In a reference to Russian aviation production figures reported by Stalin, Arnold said "our air force should be based on the duties we expect to perform, and not on what some other nation is doing." Associated Press.

Confidence In Sutan Sjahrir

Batavia, Feb. 18. An Indonesian committee has recommended to President Soekarno that three political parties be given additional representation in the government and national committee.

The recommendation was contained in a resolution passed last night by a working committee of the national committee. The parties are the National Democrats, Communists and the Islamic League.

The working committee said the purpose of the resolution was to strengthen unity of the government. It also gave a vote of confidence to Premier Sutan Sjahrir and said that no criticism of his regime was implied.

The present Cabinet is composed largely of non-party men. British forces, meanwhile, routed a group of Indonesians armed with mortars and machineguns near Surabaya. Indonesians are reported to have established new defense positions at Bandoeng.

A stock of bombs, shells and nitric acid has been seized at Medan, Sumatra, the British reported. Associated Press.

Leakage Of Atom Secrets

Washington, Feb. 18. Senator Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire and member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today called for a "forthright" investigation to determine if anyone in the United States was involved in the leakage of secret and confidential information which resulted in mass arrests in Canada.

He said: "I understood the trail of the leak uncovered in Canada may lead to this country." He said that if people here are involved, responsible agencies should investigate at once. Associated Press.

RUHR QUESTION

London, Feb. 18. French Foreign Minister Bidault yesterday announced that he would confer with British authorities to-day and to-morrow on France's demand for internationalization of the Ruhr and the Rhineland and the question of a centralized Germany. He told a press conference that a four-power foreign ministers conference for a general discussion on Germany was "possible." Associated Press.

Rome, Feb. 18. His Holiness the Pope yesterday received three Cardinals who are here to attend consistories which will begin to-day. Sixty German bishops have obtained permission to come to Rome for the historic ceremonies. Associated Press.

No Spheres Of Influence

(By John Roderick).

YENAN, FEB. 18. WOULD THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS RESIST MILITARY OR ECONOMIC ENCROACHMENT BY ANY FOREIGN POWER INCLUDING RUSSIA—ON CHINESE SOIL?

THIS QUESTION HAS PLAGUED MANY A DIPLOMAT WHO REELS YENAN'S UNDENIABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE SYMPATHY WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THEY SEE IN THE ANSWER THE KEY TO WHETHER THE NEW UNITED CHINA IS TO BE A MARKET OPEN TO THE EQUAL COMPETITION OF ALL NATIONS OR WHETHER IT AGAIN IS TO BE THE OLD POLITICO-ECONOMIC BATTLEGROUND UNDER A NEW NAME.

In more than two months here I have put this question bluntly to many big and little Communists. The answers have been unvarying:

"We absolutely oppose undue intervention in China by any nation."

This statement always is accompanied by the further assertion that the Reds welcome foreign investments, legitimate enterprise and the equal backing of all nations. They will not, they say, countenance a return to the days of spheres of influence in which stranger nations sliced up China into chunks for individual exploitation. This, they say, would be a continuation of the semi-colonialism of the past 100 years.

Another question often raised is whether the Communists in the new Coalition Government will follow Russia's example and attempt to impose a one-party government on the nation in the future.

THE DIFFERENCE

Chairman Mao Tse-tung supplied the answer. "Some people suspect" Mao said, "that after the Communists come to power they will perhaps be following the example of Russia, establish a proletarian dictatorship and a one-party system."

"Our answer is that a new democratic state with a union of several democratic classes is different in principle from the socialist state of a proletarian dictatorship. China in the entire period of the new democratic system cannot and, therefore, should not be a system of one class dictatorship and a one-party monopoly of the government."

"Russian history has created the Russian system. Chinese history will create the Chinese system."

The Communists have gone to some lengths in their own liberated areas of China to prevent a one-party rule. They instituted in 1941 the one-in-three ratio plan which provides that not more than one-third of the officials in border region governments shall be Communists.

They have carried this out conscientiously. Communists voluntarily stepping down whenever the electorate returned larger than a one-third share to office.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

In recent weeks the Reds have bronched this principle on a national scale but it has not met with ready reaction. They hope it eventually will be accepted.

A third question often posed these days is the Communist attitude towards private enterprise.

Mao, speaking to the Party Congress, put the situation clearly:

"Some people suspect that the Chinese Communists are not in favour of developing individual initiative, developing private capitalism and protecting private property. In fact, all these are really unnecessary anxieties."

"National and feudal oppression are ruthlessly fettering the development of individual initiative of the Chinese people and the development of private capitalism, as well as causing destruction to the property of the broad masses. The mission of the new democratic system we advocate is exactly to relieve these fetters and check these destructions to ensure that the broad masses of the people can develop freely their individual initiative in the common life and that private capitalist economy which does not dominate the livelihood of the people but is beneficial to it can develop freely and protect all honestly acquired private property."

According to the principles of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, the present

day China economy must be state managed, privately managed and cooperatively managed, Mao observed. This, he added, is part of the basic Communist programme. Associated Press.

NEW CABINET

Cairo, Feb. 18. The new Premier, Ismail Sidki Pasha, yesterday selected a Cabinet composed largely of independents while students continued their demonstrations against Great Britain.

Sidki announced the Independents would hold eleven Cabinet posts and the liberal constitutionalists there. Associated Press.

Iran Premier Going To Moscow

TEHERAN, FEB. 18. THE FORMER GENDARMERIE GENERAL AQEVI WAS APPOINTED ON SUNDAY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN ARMY IN SUCCESSION TO GENERAL AFSA.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, DOCTOR MATIN DAFARI, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE IRANIAN MISSION PROCEEDING TO MOSCOW, HAS RESIGNED.

British Policy Backed

San Diego, Feb. 18. The "Tribune-Sun" was sceptical of the Soviet charge that the seeds of world war No. 3 lie in British activity in Indonesia.

The newspaper, in its editorial yesterday, stated: "It is generally assumed that India is watching British actions in Java for a cue for possible action. If the British are weak, it is possible that India will revolt."

Stating that such a revolt in India might bring temptation for the Soviet to intervene, the paper said that "a breakdown in British policy at any point or an extension of Russian influence into territory normally British could incite the war that Russia seems to hint." Associated Press.

MACHINE TO LAY A HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 18. The development of a gigantic machine which will turn out a complete low cost concrete house in 24 hours like an enormous hen laying an egg, was announced here by Carl L. Estes, Texas newspaper publisher.

Estes said that the apparatus, to be manufactured in Texas soon, manoeuvres on 12-foot high pneumatic tired wheels to the desired building site. Concrete is poured into the steel form which is the size of the intended house and at the end of 24 hours the form lifts itself away leaving the house ready for occupancy save for the installation of windows and doors and the finishing touches.

TO DRIVE THEMSELVES

Chungking, Feb. 18. Chinese drivers of the United States army motor pool in Chungking went on strike yesterday for higher wages.

American G.I.s will start driving cars as from to-day. It is now reported that messengers have employed by the United States army in Chungking intend to strike for higher wages to-day. Associated Press.

Cardinal "Released" By Russians

Budapest, Feb. 18. Major-General William S. Key, Commander of the American Military Mission, said that the Cardinal Prince Primate Jozsef Mindszenty has been granted clearance by the Russians to attend the Cardinals' ceremonies in Rome and that he is scheduled to leave Monday morning by an American Air Transport Command plane.

The announcement of the clearance came a week of rumours that Mindszenty who had been denounced by the left wing political parties would be denied passage to Rome.

Both the Social Democrat and Communist Parties conducted demonstrations against the outspoken and sometimes tactless cardinal whom they accuse of being a "reactionary." They list among what they call his "crimes" against "democracy" that he opposed land reform and that he once in the capacity of a churchman addressed some German S.S. prisoners as "my sons."

His friends say that a churchman's attitude toward human beings transcends race or uniform although some of them admit the speech was tactless. They say he opposed land reform simply because he did not approve it, while his enemies say he opposed it because he owned a lot of acres. Associated Press.

STRONG-ARM TACTICS OF BIG POWERS

San Francisco, Feb. 18. Colonel Tomas Kabili, Philippine representative at the 1946 conference of nations in London, yesterday expressed disappointment in the U.N.O. but was optimistic about its future.

Kabili, who was one of the organizers of the resistance movement in Mindanao, declared at a news conference here that the big powers are blowing through smaller nations to satisfy their ends. He called the U.N.O. veto power its greatest single defect "because it nullifies any attempt to reach a decision," and advocated abolition of the veto power and "more direct participation by smaller powers which are little more than pawns at the present time."

The greatest obstacle to the U.N.O. was the "same old ill-sensitiveness, greed, suspicion and secret diplomacy. Representatives of all nations must believe in the high ideals and principles of the San Francisco Charter, but I emphasize and believe that out of the mistakes we have made, and will make, we will evolve a better organization." Associated Press.

Appeal To Franco

Paris, Feb. 18. President Felix Gouin has instructed his Minister of Foreign Affairs to intervene with the Franco Government on behalf of the Spanish Republicans now imprisoned or being held for trial in Spain. Government communiques said.

The communiques acknowledged letters, telegrams and petitions, which "have poured in on us from every side," and expressed the hope that the Government of General Franco would "consider some measures of clemency in favour of those who have played such an important role in the liberation of our country."

The French President said that he considered the protests of the French people as "testimony of solidarity towards our heroic comrades of yesterday's battle," a testimony in which one can see proof of the gratitude of the French people and the promise of a faithful understanding with the Spanish people. Associated Press.

ATOM IDEA WAS EINSTEIN'S

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 18. Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace at a news conference yesterday said he was not going to be a candidate for President if Mr. Truman is. He said he "was utterly amazed" that due credit is never given the late President Roosevelt for the drive behind the atom bomb project.

He said the idea was sold to Roosevelt by a representative of Albert Einstein who had seen the work the Germans were doing along these lines. Associated Press.

BRIGHT PICTURE FOR BRITAIN

London, Feb. 18. British bankers are picturing a vast increase in Britain's exports and a big step-up in United States imports from Britain as necessary preconditions to the projected British loan.

Traditional year-end statements recently issued by heads of the various banks told stockholders that recapture of world trade was vital to British recovery and that a loan was necessary to equip this drive.

One bank chief said America now has a responsibility both to lend money abroad and increase her own imports. Associated Press.

Best For U.N.O.

Washington, Feb. 18. The American Institute of Architects yesterday announced the selection of 16 leading architects to aid the United Nations to obtain the world's best architectural talent to design the new U.N.O. capital.

The Institute in a statement said: "As representatives of the only national professional organization of architects in the United States we are seriously interested in seeing that physically the new U.N.O. capital shall measure up to the objectives of the U.N.O." Associated Press.

Ten war-ravaged nations have joined with the American military government to formalize claims against Germany's war booty. The nations, valued at several billion dollars, the American military government disclosed to-day. These claims range from steam shovels and industrial machinery to traver books and race horses. They are being valued by experts which to date have located about 40 percent of the property stolen by the Nazis. Associated Press.

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Tokyo, Feb. 13.
Major-General Nishimichi Kanisawa, former head of the Japanese Kempeitai in Formosa, has been brought from Shenchai to Sacramento Prison here, it was announced yesterday. Kanisawa is being held for investigation. Associated Press.

Britain's Colossal Air Order

London, Feb. 13.
One of the biggest orders ever obtained in the history of the British aircraft industry was announced on completion of a contract from the Swedish Government to the De Havilland Aircraft Company for £3,000,000 worth of Vampire jet-propelled fighters.

The contract will mean employment for 3,000 workers for more than 12 months at the firm's Bolton factory where hundreds of redundant workers are being withdrawn. De Havilland announced.

The firm has obtained a license to start manufacturing Goblin engines in Sweden. Goblins are combined jet and screw engines after two months of negotiations with a Swedish mission. The number of Vampires was not specified. Associated Press.

James Stewart For Governor

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.
County Commissioner Thomas P. McElveney urged James Stewart in Hollywood requesting permission to propose the motion picture star's name as a candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor at the Pennsylvania primary election on May 21.

Stewart, native of Indiana, Pennsylvania, returned to Hollywood after his wartime duty with the Army Air Forces where he rose to the rank of Colonel. McElveney said that he told Stewart that "servicemen are forming Jimmy Stewart clubs and proposing him for governor in various sections of the State." Associated Press.

Capital Facing A Housing Shortage

NANKING, FEB. 13.
THIS SPRAWLING NOMINAL CAPITAL OF CHINA FACES A TREMENDOUS HOUSING SHORTAGE AS CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO MOVE BACK HERE FROM CHUNGKING THIS SPRING.

WITH OFFICES AND DWELLINGS AT A PREMIUM, BUILDING AT A STANDSTILL FROM LACK OF MATERIALS, DIPLOMATS, DELEGATES AND FUNCTIONARIES WILL FIND THEMSELVES HARD PRESSED FOR SPACE TO HOUSE THEIR DESKS AND THEIR BEDS. ALREADY THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ARE PUZZLING OVER THE PROBLEM ALTHOUGH THE INFUX OF POPULATION IS STILL SOME TWO MONTHS OFF.

United States officials directly concerned with American Embassy needs say that they will need more space for its staff than is to come from Chungking and the military will require even more accommodation when, as expected, the headquarters of the United States forces in the China theatre moves here from Shanghai and changes its name to Military Advisory Group.

The British and the Russians are also affected although to a smaller degree. The Russians have not yet found quarters for their embassy. There is already talk of erecting barracks for troops and a tent city to house the several hundred Chinese delegates to the National Assembly in the Chinese Republic's history, scheduled to meet here on May 5, to adopt a constitution.

SHOULD BE DOUBLED

Nanking at present is a city of some 600,000 inhabitants. When the Government returns from its Japanese-enforced wartime exile, the population is expected to jump overnight to 1,000,000 or more. This is based on estimates that approximately 700,000 persons including private citizens as well as military servants, flocked to Chungking when the Japanese seized Nanking in 1937.

There are new war-born agencies to complicate the crisis. The United Nations and the Chinese Relief and Rehabilitation Organization (C.N.R.R.A.) between them have taken over one of the largest hotels, the Paochang. This is used not only for offices but also the Chinese staff sleeps and eat in there. That is not unusual in Nanking to-day, to sleep in offices. It is commonplace to call on a newspaper editor at his office and be told that he is asleep in the building where also are quartered other members of the staff.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek sought to relieve the capital's housing shortage recently by ordering the construction of apartment houses to the extent of 20,000 rooms and the municipal government appropriated C.N.R.R.A. \$300,000,000 for that purpose. But the city has not yet raised the money and even if it had it is short of supplies and labour. It is doubtful therefore, whether new facilities will be built before the Government is transferred to Nanking probably in the months from April to July when the weather and the height of the Yangtze are propitious for air lifts and river traffic.

HOUSING ABUSES

Paradoxically, there are quite a few vacant buildings in Nanking but many of these have been earmarked with paper seals or barred doors for lessees with foreign thought of future needs. Others have been left in such an empty, dirty and dilapidated condition by the former tenants that thousands

of dollars will be required to make them habitable. Abuses of available housing by officials and former "puppets" also have been charged in the press.

"Many puppet officials who suddenly 'changed sides' are living the grand buildings taken over from the Japanese and other puppets," said the "Hsin Min Pao," one of the leading Nanking newspapers. "There are also many officials who occupy as many buildings as they can and will not open these houses for public use."

The "Hsin Min Pao" also asserted that "many such persons" had "stealthily moved out" furnishings of buildings they occupied leaving them in less desirable condition. "Therefore, despite the removal of Japanese prisoners and immigrants, people coming from Chungking still cannot find places in which to live," the newspaper said.

Associated Press.

Spain Denies Charges

Madrid, Feb. 13.
The Spanish Foreign Ministry today denied flatly that any plan existed from the three-way accord between Germany, Argentina and Spain as alleged by the United States "Blue Book" which charged that prominent Argentinians were linked with Nazis. The note declared that the United States charges were based on documents of the German Charge d'Affaires in Buenos Aires and could only reflect his personal desires for what he would have liked to have done. It added that Argentinians only merchandise through the British navit control. Associated Press.

India's Main Problem

London, Feb. 13.
India's main problem is money, for money alone could bring life to the many dormant assets of India, said R. G. Casey, Governor of Bengal, in a far-reaching message broadcast to the people of India.

Heard by the Associated Press from Calcutta, Casey gave the assurance that on their return to Australia both he and his wife do their best to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between the two countries. He said that owing to war conditions and the threat of famine the Bengal budget was still greatly indebted. Despite the Central Government in the past two years the Bengal budget would show a deficit because of a large expenditure on relief and rehabilitation. Casey hands over his charges on Tuesday to Sir Frederick Burrows. Associated Press.

Rome Service

Rome, Feb. 13.
Archbishop Spellman yesterday celebrated mass in St. Ambrose Church before the famed shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and after the service blessed the kneeling throng outside the church.

On arrival Spellman was greeted by the Reverend Patrick Murray, father of the General Redemptorist Order and by Bishop William T. McCarthy of the Military Ordinate, New York. Spellman is working on a brief address he may give after his flight from the St. Ambrose shrine to the elevation of the Cardinal. Associated Press.

Manila, Feb. 13.
Brigadier-General Arthur G. Trudeau, former commander of the Manila army base, will resume his post on March 1. Major-General E. Ewart G. Plank, the present commander, is returning to the United States. Trudeau was a member of the commission which convicted and sentenced General Elcano. Associated Press.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ATTACKED

Washington, Feb. 13.

Interior Secretary Harold Ickes declared yesterday that President Truman had contradicted himself at his news conference when he referred to Edwin Pauley's nomination. He added that one of the President's statements, "is not true."

Ickes commented: "I would dare dispute the integrity of the President on any occasion my country's welfare demanded it."

In a statement he said: "A week ago Thursday, after I had testified before the Senate Naval Committee on Pauley's nomination for Under-Secretary of the Navy, the President acknowledged under questioning that he had told me 'to be kind to him.' There is no way the two statements can be reconciled. One of them is not true."

Ickes also said he did not believe, as Truman declared, that the late President Roosevelt had intended to appoint Pauley. "The fact is that President Roosevelt did not appoint Pauley to the Navy Department," he said.

Alluding to Truman's statement on Friday that Ickes would not dare reflect on the President's integrity, Ickes said: "After all the President of the United States is neither an absolute monarch nor descendant of the Sun Goddess." Associated Press.

Optimism Over China

Chungking, Feb. 13.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commanding general of the United States Army Liaison Group in Chungking who is returning home shortly, yesterday expressed confidence that China would overcome the subtle challenges of peace just as China could overcome the realities of war.

He told the people of west China in a farewell message: "Under the selfless leadership of President Chiang Kai-shek, whose personal greatness has epitomized China's greatness to the entire world through the difficult years of war, we have begun what I believe will be the most productive year in all of China's history."

Randall, a West Pointer with 21 years' experience in the air corps was formerly commander of the west China raiders popularly known as the "Randall Raiders" which defended the B-29 bases and later delivered a smashing assault on Japan's overland lifeline through China. Associated Press.

SINGAPORE COMMUNIST ARRESTED

Singapore, Feb. 13.

Lin Ah-liang, chief of the Singapore Branch of the Malayan Communist Party, was arrested Sunday and will appear in Court Monday on charges of sedition and of holding unlawful assembly.

Posters appeared throughout Singapore demanding Lin's release. According to the police Lin got away last Friday after the demonstration which took place in Singapore but later he held an unlawful meeting and was subsequently injured and taken to hospital. Associated Press.

ATHLETE'S SUDDEN DEATH

San Francisco, Feb. 13.

Laboratory tests were begun here yesterday to determine the cause of the sudden death of Cornelius Johnson, 1936 Berlin Olympic games high jump champion. The police said they were summoned Friday night to the S.S. Motel Orus where they found Johnson in an upset state and he lost consciousness, dying while on route to hospital. Johnson was a baker aboard the ship. Associated Press.

Athens, Feb. 13.
The T. W. A. Constellation "Star of Cairo" took off yesterday from here for New York with eleven Greek war veterans who will undergo delicate eye and brain operations in the United States. They are accompanied by St. John's nurses in the plane which is expected to arrive in New York in 23 hours of flying time. Associated Press.

Moscow, Feb. 13.
Resumption of the sizeable trade that went on between Russia and the Netherlands prior to the war was predicted here yesterday by Dutch sources. At present, the Russians are expected to purchase large amounts of trucks and the Dutch amounts of trucks and the Dutch sources said. Associated Press.

Necessity For A Loan To Britain

CHICAGO, FEB. 13.

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, HENRY A. WALLACE, CALLED AN AMERICAN BUSINESS MEETING TO GIVE "VIGOROUS AND VOCIFEROUS SUPPORT" TO THE PROPOSED \$3,750,000,000 LOAN TO BRITAIN. HE URGED ASSUMPTION OF "FAIR SHARE IN THE RISK" OF FINANCING ANOTHER \$8,000,000,000 IN WORLD TRADE WHICH HE SAID WAS NEEDED IN THE THREE YEAR POST-WAR PERIOD.

IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE OF THE CHICAGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WALLACE CONTENDED THAT REFUSAL OF THE LOAN TO BRITAIN WOULD FORCE THAT NATION "TO EMBARK UPON A VICIOUS SYSTEM OF DOG EAT DOG IN WORLD TRADE" AND "WORLD SECURITY WOULD BE AT DEATH'S DOOR."

"We may not want to be the only big creditor nation in the world," he said, "but that's what we may have to do whether we like it or not."

Wallace said that needs and ability to use the goods would support \$150,000,000,000 in world trade in the three year period, but a projected deficit of about \$51,000,000,000 in countries importing more than they can export is anticipated.

The resources available to these countries would finance about one third; another \$16,000,000,000 would be accounted for through international agencies such as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the stabilization operations under the Bretton-woods agreement.

A few countries such as Canada, Sweden and Switzerland with a favourable trade balance would account for \$3,000,000,000, leaving roughly \$15,000,000,000 which will need to be financed.

He added "You know as well as I do that most of it will have to be found in the United States. This is true not only because other countries do not have available funds but also because the great bulk of the goods, both capital and consumer goods, which the deficit countries will buy will come from the United States." Associated Press.

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The darts competition organized by Royal Air Force has attracted 18 teams from different units. The teams will be divided into two leagues and the winners of each League will play off for the Royal Air Force championship and a trophy. The first games will be played to-day.

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT

New York, Feb. 18. The British radio said that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Lie "has to find something like 2,600 men and women of different nationalities for the United Nations secretariat. They must be specialists on a number of varying subjects, they must be prepared to subordinate their national interests to those of the new international organization, they must be ready to move their home facilities and in fact their whole lives to the permanent home of the United Nations and they will become in effect international civil servants."

H.M.S. Return Goes Into First Commission

ONE OF THE LATEST OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS TO COMMISSION IS H.M.S. RETURN. SHE IS LIKE OTHERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS THAT NEVER GO TO SEA OR FIGHT BATTLE—FOR SHE IS, AS SAILORS SAY, A "STONE FRIGATE." BUT H.M.S. "RETURN" IS NO ORDINARY STONE FRIGATE AND HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST BECAUSE SHE IS THE FIRST SHIP IN THE ROYAL NAVY EVER TO "COMMISSION" IN JAPANESE WATERS. SHE IS IN FACT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN TOKYO.

Alongside the moat which surrounds the Imperial Palace of the Emperor, her function is to administer to the needs of the British Mission and those representing the British Government in Japan.

Her Commanding Officer is Commander E. H. G. Stokes, R.N., and her ship's company total nearly 100. They are men drawn from all sorts of different branches in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. There are signallers, telegraphists, able seamen, stokers, writers and supply ratings. Day and night the Marine sentries pace steadily up and down the front of the imposing buildings which were undamaged by the bombing. Japanese pause as they shuffle past to watch the drill of the Marines; they are the ambassadors of our country.

The White Ensign flies overhead, and shows that the Royal Navy has returned to Tokyo alongside our American allies, but that is not the reason why the name was chosen.

APPROPRIATE REASON
It was the name of one of the first ships ever to go to Japan. The original "Return" was a ship chartered by the London East India Company to go to Japan to start trading. They left England in 1671, arriving at Nagasaki on May 25, 1672.

Relations between Japan and England had been very strained at that time for some 30 years and the Japanese had expelled us from the country. The reason they gave was the marriage of King Charles II to the Princess of Portugal. The Portuguese, who at this time traded far and wide in the world, were most feared by the Shoguns, then the rulers of Japan, and this marriage was considered by them to be sufficient reason to cause strained relations.

The "Return" was sent to "re-occupy"—that was the word actually used in her sailing instructions—an English factory which had been founded in Hirado in 1613 and to restore trade with Japan.

What better name could have been chosen for the British Embassy?

F.A. Cup Draw

London, Feb. 18. The draw made to-day for the Sixth Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup, with the first match on March 2 and the return match on Saturday, March 9, resulted as follows: Stoke v. Bolton; Charlton v. Brentford; Aston Villa v. Derby County and Bradford v. Birmingham.—Reuter.

Montreal Lead In Ice Hockey

New York, Feb. 18. The Montreal Canadiens, by scoring two wins during the weekend, took first position in the Ice Hockey National League. They beat the Toronto Maple Leafs, holders of the Stanley Cup, by 4-2 at Toronto yesterday and the New York Rangers by 5-4 here to-day. The Boston Bruins, who previously held the lead, lost their only game played to the New York Rangers at Boston by 2-6. The Chicago Black Hawks, by tying with the Detroit Red Wings 3-3 at Detroit and 2-2 at Chicago, are now level with the Bruins for second place, and three points behind the leaders.—Reuter.

STILL HOLDING OUT

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 18. Perhaps 600 Japanese in scattered groups including women are still hiding out on Guam, said Marine Major-General Henry Larsen, retiring commandant of that island, on arrival here on route for the United States.—Associated Press.

TABLE TENNIS

Twenty-four Royal Air Force units have entered a Table Tennis competition. They are divided into two leagues, on a regional basis. The winning team in each League will play off for the Royal Air Force Team championship and a trophy. The competition starts to-day.

Foran Loses: Damaged Hand

Paris, Feb. 18. Théo Medina, holder of the French flyweight and bantamweight titles, outpointed Alf Foran, Liverpool bantam, at the Palais des Sports here this afternoon.

Last November Medina gained a points victory over Jackie Patterson, world flyweight champion, in Paris in an over-weight non-title bout.

The referee had a difficult match to handle. Both men had constantly to be stopped from holding. Foran opened at a great pace, his weaving tactics puzzling the Frenchman, but by the third round Medina seemed to have the measure of his man.

Foran's right hand was dislocated in the fourth round when he fell back almost entirely on the defensive. Medina tried hard for a knock-out, using a series of jabs to prepare for the final blow.

Foran was in trouble by the tenth with a cut over his left eye-brow. The referee wanted to stop the contest but the little Englishman came to the end, would not retire though bleeding profusely from his wound. He was still on his feet at the final ring but too many points were against him.

Foran tried everything through the fight to fix his dislocated hand without success. His manager told Reuter that it was going out of joint constantly through the bout and resisted all kinds of treatment.—Reuter.

No Compromise With Franco

Paris, Feb. 18. A resolution protesting against any form of compromise with General Francisco Franco of Spain was passed at a mass meeting held here under French Communist auspices to-day.

It demanded that "Spain's internal regime be fixed democratically by Spaniards without foreign interference"—which by leaving the future internal regime in suspense indicates a withdrawal from the previous republican attitude claiming that Spain should automatically return to a pre-Civil War republican regime.

So far there are no signs of concessions by the "shadow" Republican Government of Dr. Jose Giral in the direction of a compromise with the Monarchists. Since Giral's arrival in Paris complete silence has been maintained by all official spokesmen.—Reuter.

Yenan And Chang Fa-kwei

Yenan, Feb. 18. A Communist spokesman to-day declared that unless General Chang Fa-kwei abandoned his attacks on the Communist East River Brigade, near Canton, "the Communist 8th Route Army cannot but re-consider the question of taking proper action against puppets in North and Central China."

The spokesman said that Chang Fa-kwei has consistently refused to recognise the Communist troops in Kwangtung Province and labelled them "scattered bandits and remnants of puppets." He charged that Chang Fa-kwei continued to harass the Communist brigade for fully a month after the truce agreement, despite Kuomintang disapproval.—Associated Press.

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HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Feb. 17. Over 80,000 spectators saw the Royal Air Force soccer team, containing nine internationals, draw 1-1 with the Portuguese military side at the National Stadium in Lisbon this afternoon.

Both goals were scored in the first half. The Portuguese centre-forward netted in the 28th minute, with Leslie Smith, Aston Villa English international outside-right, equalising three minutes later.

Stanley Matthews, Stoke's international outside-right, played a great game.

The following are the results of games played at the weekend:

LEAGUE NORTH
Barnsley 1, Newcastle 3; Blackpool 0, Preston 2; Blackpool 4, Sunderland 0; Bradford 1, Bolton 6; Burnley 2, Leeds 1; Grimsby 1, Sheffield United 6; Huddersfield 4, Burnley 2; Liverpool 0, Manchester United 5; Manchester City 1, Everton 3; Wednesday 1, Chesterfield 0; Stoke 1, Middlesbrough 4.LEAGUE SOUTH
Birmingham 1, Charlton 0; Brentford 0, Villa 1; Chelsea 2, Luton 1; Derby 2, Swansea 1; Millwall 1, Coventry 1; Newport 2, Notts Forest 4; Southampton 3, Leicester 1; Tottenham 2, Arsenal 0; West Bromwich 3, Fulham 1; West Ham 7, Plymouth 0; Wolves 4, Portsmouth 0.

Third Division North—West Region Cup: Barrow 0, Oldham 3; Chester 4, Wrexham 2; Rochdale 2, Crewe 2; Southport 3, Accrington; Tranmere 3, Stockport 0. Third Division North—East Region Cup: Carlisle 1, Hartlepool 3; Doncaster 1, Halifax 1; Gateshead 0, Darlington 1; Rotherham 6, Lincoln 1; York 2, Bradford City 2.

Third Division South—North Region Cup: Ipswich 4, Norwich 0; Mansfield 1, Clapton 2; Northampton 4, Watford 1; Notts County 1, Walsall 0; Queens Park Rangers 4, Southend 0.

Third Division South—South Region Cup: Brighton 4, Aldershot 6; Bristol City 3, Exeter 0; Cardiff 3, Torquay 0; Reading 0, Crystal Palace 2.

South Scottish League Div. A: Celtic 1, Kilmarnock 1; Hamilton 3, Aberdeen 3; Morton 1, Queen's Park 2; Partick 4, Falkirk 3; Queen of the South 1, Clyde 2; St. Mirren 0, Hibernians 3; Third Lanark 0, Motherwell 2; Dundee 1, Airdrie 1; East Fife 0, Dunbarton 1.—Reuter.

Shortage Of Referees

There is a shortage of good soccer referees in the Colony and the Committee of the Football Association are having a trying time with the appointments each week.

A number of referees who have been officiating in League games recently have left for home and there has not been any new registration for some time.

The Committee will welcome the services of any qualified referees in the Colony not yet registered with the Football League.

In the appointments this week, it is interesting to note that Mr. W. E. Hollands, who retired from active refereeing many years ago, will officiate at the important game between Eastern and Navy "B" on Sunday.

The Palestine Commission

Vienna, Feb. 18. The British-United States Commission on Palestine, consisting of twenty-two members, arrived here from Berlin and Prague to-day. The Commission will hear reports from the Jewish Community Council of Vienna on four thousand Jews now living in the Austrian capital.

Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary-General of the Arab League, has been invited to meet the Commission in Cairo next month. The League will present the Commission with statements from various Arab States.—Reuter.

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Manila, Feb. 18. Alfredo Montellano, Philippine Secretary of the Interior, said yesterday that war damage to sugar centres and plantations would stop the milling of sugar cane this season and prevent the granting of the five-million dollar loan to planters by the Philippine National Bank. He explained the bank requires the cane to be ready for milling before it grants crop loans.—Associated Press.

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Significance Of First Post-War Consistory

Hoilo Clash

Manila, Feb. 18.—The Army yesterday announced that two Filipino soldiers were killed and a third wounded in a Japanese ambush on a mountainous island near Iloilo city in the central Philippines.

The patrol was ambushed as it sought to obtain supplies from the Japanese. Associated Press.

Irksome Visa Regulations In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 18.—Foreign travelers bound to new and irksome visa regulations which make it necessary to provide information on their future movements in the city will find the process of obtaining them a most irksome one. It is also necessary for foreigners to obtain a visa for travel from one point in China to another, under the recent regulations. Foreigners must also obtain a visa for travel from one point in China to another, under the recent regulations. Foreigners must also obtain a visa for travel from one point in China to another, under the recent regulations.

New U.N.O. Staff

London, Feb. 18.—The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, announced today the first appointments to the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Abraham H. Feller of the United States was named General Counsel to the Secretary-General with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Feller, 41-year-old New Yorker, was special assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States from 1934 to 1940.

Other appointments were: Arthur A. Sweeney, assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Security Council Affairs. Feller, 42-year-old Ohioan, had recently been assistant of the Soviet Embassy in London with the rank of Minister.

Adrian Felt of the Netherlands, assistant Secretary-General in charge of the conference and of the general services. He was formerly head of the Netherlands Government Information Service in London and before he worked in the Information Section of the League of Nations.

A.D.K. Owen of Britain, executive assistant in the office of the Secretary-General with the rank of director. He was personal assistant to Sir Stafford Cripps from 1941 to 1943 and went to India with Cripps in 1942. Associated Press.

Jews Getting Desperate

Vienna, Feb. 18.—Barthel Crum, American member of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine which now is inquiring into Jewish problems in Europe, said that a "grave emergency" existed in the Jewish situation in Europe and predicted "mass suicides" unless they are permitted to leave their camps and resettle and rehabilitate themselves.

Crum, who has just arrived in Vienna from Prague with Sir Frederick Gaisford, a British Committee member, said that the Jews were "near the breaking point" and mentioned as a possibility that the Jews might "even try to fight their way to Palestine." Associated Press.

KILLER'S NEW POST

London, Feb. 18.—Lord Killgallon, former British Ambassador in Cairo, has been appointed special Commissioner in South-East Asia.

He will have the special task of "investigation of the food situation in South-East Asia and of taking prompt action."—Reuters.

First Non-Italian Majority

(By Cecil Sprigge).

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 18.—THE STAGE IS NOW SET WITHIN THE VATICAN PALACE'S STOUT MEDIAEVAL WALLS FOR THE SERIES OF CEREMONIES TO WHICH IT HAS BEEN THE HOLY SEE'S DESIGN TO GIVE THE MOST SPECTACULAR CHARACTER TO SYMBOLISE THE CHURCH'S RESURGENT VITALITY IN A WAR-WEARY WORLD.

IN HIGH VATICAN CIRCLES, THERE HISTORICAL MEMORIES ARE LONG. THIS ASSEMBLY OF CARDINALS BELONGS TO A SERIES OF OCCASIONS WHEN, AT TURNING POINTS IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, THE CHURCH MANIFESTED ITS ETERNAL CREATIVE FIGURE.

This week's Consistory is probably the greatest assemblage of Cardinals ever witnessed in the Papal City. Moreover, when 32 new Cardinals take their seats in the papal throne, they will be physically, for the first time, not exclusively of non-Italian origin, including over one-quarter non-European prelates.

The setting for the ceremonies is unique in the world. When you step from the sunlit colonnades of the St. Peter's Square into the inner precincts of the Vatican you are quickly enveloped by a ceremonial atmosphere, rich with memories of many centuries. At the same time, you find reception arrangements working with a smooth competence seldom equaled in the outside world.

Court officials warned by telephone from reception posts know exactly who you are and where you are destined. The smooth working of the inner court from the tranquil inner sanctuaries to the noisy galleries, corridors, and the great hall, the Vatican City to the distant snow-capped Apennines.

WARM GREETINGS

From the galleries you are led into the State Secretariat, where you wait for your turn for reception by one of the Vatican's high dignitaries. It was my fortune to be received while the Cardinals, designated from the ends of the earth were officially announcing their arrival in Rome.

I witnessed a warm, respectful greeting extended to Cardinal-designate Vongai, a tall, grey-shining figure, with something of the air of a medieval fighting prelate. Next followed Chicago's bishop-elect, Fulton J. Sheen.

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New Boost To H.K. Police

The strength of the European section of the Hong Kong Police has been increased over the last few days by the arrival from the United Kingdom by air of 12 new members of the Force.

A further 11 new members are expected shortly and more are to be sent out.

All are new to the Hong Kong Police, being drawn from the ranks of the Metropolitan and Provincial Police at home. All are men with several years of Police service behind them and will commence their service here with the rank of Sub-Inspector or Inspector.

There are now some 50 former members of the Shanghai Municipal Police serving in Hong Kong and a few members of the pre-war Force who were at Stanley or have returned from long leave or war service. The European section of the Police, however, is still far below its pre-war strength of about 270.

PERSIAN SHAK-OUT

Teheran, Feb. 18.—General Arfa, Chief of Staff of the Imperial Persian Army, was dismissed yesterday.

General Arfa, who married an English wife and who is the son of a Russian woman who left Russia before the Revolution, has been attacked for a long time by left-wing newspapers and politicians in Teheran as a "pro-English reactionary."

Ahmad Dastari, Minister without Portfolio in the new Persian Cabinet which the Prime Minister presented to the Shah yesterday, and who was a member of the Mission which is leaving for Moscow today, resigned his Cabinet post. —Reuters.

Three Years For Japan To Get Straight

Tokyo, Feb. 18.—Japan's economy may be stabilised by 1949 if current and prospective emergency economic measures are successful, predicted the newspaper "Nippon Sangyo Kaizai," Tokyo's leading financial journal.

The paper estimates that by then the currency in circulation would total around sixteen billion yen, roughly eight times that of 1937. Commodity prices also would be established around eight times the 1937 level.

The prediction is based upon supposition that the Japanese would reach self-sufficiency in commodities, the paper added.

Meanwhile the Kyoto News Agency reported that the Bank of Japan's note issue increased by 900,000,000 yen on Feb. 16, the day the new Imperial ordinances were promulgated ordering the total issue to 61,451,647,000 yen.

Tokyo remained calm if puzzled today as an aftermath of the ordinances which include a semi-freezing of all bank accounts.

Any possible bank panic was averted by announcing the decrees after the close of business on Saturday. —Associated Press.

"CHRISTOPHER BEAN" OPENS AT STAR

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION WAS ACCORDED AT THE ENSA STAR THEATRE LAST NIGHT TO THE ALEXANDRA (BIRMINGHAM) REPERTORY COMPANY'S FIRST LOCAL PERFORMANCE OF "THE LATE CHRISTOPHER BEAN."

A well-balanced cast maintained an even tempo of sparkling comedy. As the country doctor, suddenly surprised, first by a telegram and then by the arrival of an accident-seeking the works of his late patient Christopher Bean, William Senior gives an excellent characterisation.

Nothing very much is happening in the Haggart household, other than that the maid, Gwen, is about to leave on notice and the doctor's wife is planning an excursion for herself and her two marriageable daughters to the Isle of Man.

The younger daughter, Susan (Shirley Currie), is planning an elopement with a young artist, Bruce McKee (Hugh Kelly). The late Christopher Bean had been dead 10 years. His posthumous reputation to fame brings upon the Haggart family a deluge of offers to buy what pictures he has left behind on the doctor's household.

There are several complications, the principal one being Gwen. In the role of the Scots maid, Rosamund Riddan comes near to stealing the show.

Mrs. Haggart (Eileen Draycott) and her elder daughter (Margaret Ward) are ready to go to any lengths to dispose of Gwen, the portrait of the late artist had pointed of her.

Robin Owen and Larry Noble, particularly the latter, do well by their roles as the scheming art-dealers. Ronald Campbell is more sympathetically cast as a supporter of the play, an illustration from the French by Enslin Williams, has several surprise twists to its plot and is short on dull moments.

The Alex Rep. players fit naturally into their roles and there is no over-acting. They provide an excellent evening's entertainment.

"NEW LIGHT"

Soviet's Fifth Column

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A source, high in Canadian Government circles, said last night that the soviet conspiracy would reveal the existence in Canada of a virtual fifth column, sponsored by Russia.

In order to quieten rumours the name of the foreign country concerned may be disclosed in some official statement within a few days.

The suspected members of the soviet ring are said to be Canadians, but some foreign agents may be among them.

"One government employee has been arrested near London, and is to be flown to Canada." —Reuters.

Victoria Station Blaze

London, Feb. 18.—All traffic in and out of Victoria Station, one of London's great railway terminals, was halted by a fire which raged for two hours before it was controlled.

Great numbers fell from a roof on to the trains but no one was reported injured. —Associated Press.

Witch Hunt: Serious Thing For Scientists

London, Feb. 18.—Professor A. V. Hill, member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet during the war, today urged scientists to refuse to co-operate in tasks in which they, or their representatives, were not allowed a reasonable share, or partnership, in the responsibility of deciding on the purpose, policy or probable result of their work.

"The big bosses look upon science as a purchasable commodity and scientists as back-room boys to be kept in their proper place," he said.

"It is no secret that the slow, steady, unobtrusive work of the major cause for continued and dangerous increasing tension in the world today. So far as international co-operation in science is concerned, it is considerably worse now than it was a year ago."

The Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. L. J. Selby, referring to the alleged spy plot in Canada, said: "The witch hunt is becoming a very serious thing for scientists. The more anti-soviet the policy of our Government becomes, the more dangerous does it become to international scientific thought." —Reuters.

Clare Luce's Latest

New York, Feb. 18.—Clare Boothe Luce, widely known writer and playwright and Republican member of Congress, was yesterday received into the Roman Catholic Church, Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen announced.

The wife of Chief Editor Henry Luce of "Time," "Life" and "Fortune" magazines announced on Jan. 30 that she would not be a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives next autumn. She said that her reasons "will be made abundantly clear in time."

In a statement Mrs. Luce said that "plainly there is a relation" between her action and her decision "not to be candidate for the Senate or the House. For the question of faith, which all Americans must always wish to be kept out of politics, might be injected by a few cynical politicians into a campaign in our State."

Therefore, I have chosen to be unavailable by design or draft for an elective office. —Associated Press.

Sweeping Catholic Gains

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The Catholic candidates were leading in eleven out of the first 15 ballots to report, but less than 45,000 votes had been counted for and observers pointed out it was much too soon to draw conclusions.

The vote went well over 2,000,000 throughout Belgium. It was reported, and national pollsters said no serious incident had been reported anywhere in the nation as voters went to the polls here for the first time since 1933.

Expectations of considerable Communist gains and of a close fight between the two main parties—the Right-Wing Christian, Socialists and the Socialists—are confirmed by the results known so far of yesterday's Belgian general elections, on which hinge the future of King Leopold.

If the decisive majority results from the election, the King will probably have to relinquish his throne.

The Socialist Prime Minister, Dr. Van Acker, has been elected at Brussels. —Reuters.

RESIGNATION OFFER

Brussels radio reported today that the Socialist Premier, Van Acker, offered the resignation of his government to Prince Charles following the election, in which the Catholic Party won nearly half the seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

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LECLERC ON TASK IN INDO-CHINA

(By Stan Swinton)

SAIGON, FEB. 18.—FACED BY AN EXPLOSIVE COLONIAL PROBLEM IN REVOLT-RIDDEN INDO-CHINA, FRANCE ONCE AGAIN HAS CALLED UPON THE MAN WHO BECAME HER MOST FAMOUS WARTIME COMBAT COMMANDER—GENERAL JACQUES LECLERC.

TO THE WIRY, BLUE-EYED LIBERATOR OF PARIS HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED THE TASK OF PRESERVING THE SOURCE OF RUBBER, RICE, COAL, TEAK AND OTHER RICHES SO RAILY NEEDED BY A FRANCE ECONOMICALLY SAPPHED BY OCCUPATION AND WAR.

Suppressing native insurrection is nothing new to LeClere. Fresh from Saint Cyr, L'E. Philippe Francois Marie Duhaute Clouet—the man who was later to become famous as the pseudonym of LeClere—gained his first reputation against Moroccan rebels 20 years ago. Then he relapsed into obscurity until 1940 when—a captain and escaped prisoner of war—he fled to the Cameroons to join the Free French.

Less than a year later he was a colonel. It was then that LeClere and his desert warriors began a march from the burning wastes of Teled which did not end until his 2nd Armoured Division liberated Paris and Strasbourg and spored deep within Hitler's Germany.

To-day LeClere is plunging into his new duties as Commander-in-Chief of French Forces in the Far East with characteristic enthusiasm.

TWO TASKS

"My mission is to reestablish law and order in Indo-China," he told The Associated Press in one of the rare interviews he has granted the press.

"At present two tasks are involved—restoration of public confidence and the liquidation of bandit gangs (Annamite insurgents). These gangs are operating with the assistance of Japanese deserters and escaped convicts from the penal island of Reo-Condor.

"My personal feeling is that there is no basic hostility between the Annamites and French. The present misunderstandings are merely the result of four years of intense propaganda by which the Japanese recruited a handful of agitators. "These terrorists, who are responsible for looting and killing, are even abusing the credulity of their own followers. They have boasted that the Viet Minh sank the battleship 'Richelieu' with hand grenades! And they claimed that Annamite scientists had developed an atomic bomb capable of killing only members of the white race."

NOT CONQUEST

"I issued a leaflet to every French soldier in Indo-China explaining that our present mission is not one of conquest, as it was against the Germans, but one of pacification. I emphasised that soldiers must remember many Annamites fought for France and greatly assisted the French before the Japanese coup d'etat last March 9. I have forbidden all looting and brutality with strict orders."

While deskbound much of the time by administrative duties, LeClere still makes the fullest effort to accompany his troops into the field. His latest personal adventure came when a Catalina flying boat he was using for an inspection tour stuck on a sandbar in a remote river. With the crew and other passengers, the four-star general stripped naked and spent three hours pushing the plane free.

Since Le Clere left France, he has witnessed the Japanese surrender and visited India, Ceylon, Manila and Okinawa. He was tremendously impressed by the American victory at Okinawa, which he feels was "the greatest single accomplishment of the United States war effort."

As for the future, LeClere has a single ambition—to receive his first leave since October, 1939.

"Look at this," he said, exhibiting a Christmas card from an American general friend showing the general fishing off Miami Beach. "For others peace brought a vacation—but LeClere finds himself in Indo-China." —Associated Press.

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Senators On The Warpath

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Edwin Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, yesterday contended that "playing favorites" by granting Britain in the projected loan would lead to "international jealousy and eventually to war."

Johnson and Senator Burton Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, both pre-war non-interventionists, joined in the vitriolic opposition to the loan in a radio broadcast. They urged a substitution of the plan to raise money by sale of bonds to private investors as a test of American opinion. Both argued that the loan will not be a Congress and insisted, as a condition to future loans, that negotiation of defense loans should be made as a condition to a loan if it was granted.

Johnson said: "Applications for loans from all nations should be considered by us at one time. To grant a loan to one nation and deny it to another is a very serious business which would involve us in a bitter and costly crisis." —Associated Press.

Nazi Assets In Argentine

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Hiram Kilgore, Democrat of West Virginia, suggested yesterday that a demand be made on Argentina to hand over all German owned or controlled assets in that country. He said that if Argentina refused, the four powers occupying Germany could apply "strict sanctions" against the Argentine government and bring a possible exclusion of Argentina from the United Nations.

"I have no sympathy with the doctrine of neutrals belongs the world," Kilgore is Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs subcommittee which is making a detailed study of methods used by the Nazis in launching an attempted world conquest. —Associated Press.

Paris radio today reported that Admiral Thierry Dargoulou, High Commissioner for French Indo-China, has arrived in France by plane. The situation in Indo-China was satisfactory, he said. —Reuters.

RADIO

TUESDAY, FEB 19th, 1946.

PROFESSOR HARRY ORE FROM THE STUDIO

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—The Ballyholligans.

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1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Concert: Waltzes and Tangoes.

1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Class Down.

2.30 p.m.—Scene Hilly Billy Music.

2.45 p.m.—"Molody Lingors On"—NSA.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—"Rehearsal Selections."

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Harry Ore at the Piano.

8.00 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Rena & Les Soues (Soprano).

8.15 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Variety.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Interlude.

9.10 p.m.—London Relay—"Nocturne in Navy Blue".

9.30 p.m.—Lo doo Relay—Tommy Handley in TV.

10.00 p.m.—Antorral and His Music for Dancing.

10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selection.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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